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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT (WASHINGTON ALEJANDRO JOSE LUIS ORFILA)

1. AT NOON TODAY (NOV 2) I WAS CALLED TO FOREIGN OFFICE BY ACTING DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIAL, MINISTRO PABLO DEL PINO, WHO STATED THAT "IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARGENTINE CUSTOM" HE WAS MAKING VERBAL REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT FOR WASHINGTON ALEJANDRO JOSE LUIS ORFILA AS NEXT AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON. IN CONTRAST TO CASE OF FORMER AMBASSADOR MUNIZ IN 1971, HE DID NOT INDICATE THAT FORMAL REQUEST WAS BEING MADE THROUGH ARGENTINE EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, IN FACT, HE SAID THIS WAS THE REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT.

2. DEL PINO HANDED ME COPY OF ORFILA'S CURRICULUM VITAE, SUMMARY OF WHICH FOLLOWS: PERSONAL RANK OF AMBASSADOR (CONFIRMED NOV 1 BY SENATE, ACCORDING TO TODAY'S PRESS, WHICH SPECULATES HE WILL BE ASSIGNED TO WASHINGTON). BORN MARCH 9, 1925 IN GODOY CRUZ, MENDOZA. MARRIED TO JEAN FRANCES D'APRILE, FOUR CHILDREN. BACHILLERATO DEGREE; SPEAKS ENGLISH, ITALIAN, FRENCH. ENTERED FOREIGN SERVICE 1947, RESIGNED 1952, REINCORPORATED WITH RANK OF MINISTER 1958, RESIGNED AS AMBASSADOR 1962. HE HAS SERVED IN SOVIET UNION (1947), POLAND (1948), USA (SAN FRANCISCO AND NEW ORLEANS 1949-51, WASHINGTON 1951 AND AGAIN 1958, AS MINISTER, CHARGE D'AFFAIRES 1969), AMBASSADOR TO JAPAN (1960). ACCOMPANIED PRESIDENT FRONDISI ON TRIP IN US IN 1959 AND TO VARIOUS ASIATIC COUNTRIES IN 1961; NUMEROUS CONFIDENTIAL

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OTHER SPECIAL MISSIONS IN US AND EUROPE.

3. EMBASSY FILES INDICATE WIFE IS US CITIZEN, HE STUDIED AT STANFORD UNIVERSTY AND TULANE, AND IS REGARDED AS VERY

FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD US. EMBASSY FILES DO NOT INDICATE
HIS ACTIVITIES AFTER 1962. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS HOWEVER, HE
HAS BEEN LIVING FOR SOME TIME IN WASHINGTON AREA WHERE HE
REPRESENTS ARGENTINE WINE INTERESTS AND THAT HE HAS LARGE
ESTATE NEAR WASHINGTON WHERE HE RAISES CATTLE.
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